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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set out below:

1.   (currently amended) A system ~~framework~~ for a build and operate program, comprising:

___ information technology for the build and operate program, wherein the program includes:

one or more build processes;

one or more operate processes; and

one or more management processes; and

wherein the information technology includes data representing i) inputs and outputs for ones of said processes and ii) a plurality of links associated with respective ones of the inputs and outputs, wherein the links provide connections linking ~~formed as~~ outputs from ones of said build, operate and management processes ~~that form inputs to one or more~~ to inputs of respective other ones of the build, operate or management processes;

~~and~~ wherein such a ~~said~~ link has ~~associated with it~~ exit conditions associated with the link and the exit conditions for the link ~~that~~ must be satisfied before the link can be traversed from output to input;

___ wherein selected sets of sequentially-linked ones of the processes are assigned to selected project teams and the sets are designated as respective process streams; and

___ wherein planning milestones are designated for ones of the outputs having links spanning across two or more of the process streams.

2.   (currently amended) The system ~~framework~~ of claim 1, wherein said build processes precede said operate processes, with an overlapping boundary therebetween, such that some operate processes are able to be executed before all build processes are executed.

3.   (canceled)

4.   (currently amended) The system ~~framework~~ of claim 3, wherein each management process is linked only to either a build process or an operate process.

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5.   (currently amended) The ~~system~~framework of claim 1, wherein said exit conditions represent deliverable products or services that have been agreed to be provided.

6.   (currently amended) A ~~system~~framework for a large-scale sporting event, comprising:

information technology for the event, wherein the event includes:

a set of build processes generally followed by a set of testing

processes, generally followed by a set of operations processes,

generally followed by a set of game-day processes;

a set of management processes related to all of said build,

testing, operations, and game-day sets of processes; and

wherein the information technology includes data representing i) inputs and outputs for ones of said processes and ii) a plurality of links, wherein the links provide connections linking ~~formed as~~ outputs from ones of said ~~individual~~ build, test, operate, game-day, and management processes ~~that form inputs to one or more~~ to inputs of respective other ones of the build, test, operate, game-day, and management processes; ~~and~~

wherein such a ~~said~~ link has ~~associated with it~~ exit conditions associated with the link and the exit conditions for the link ~~that~~ must be satisfied before the link can be traversed from output to input;~~.~~

wherein sets of selected, sequentially-linked ones of the processes are assigned to selected project teams and the sets are designated as respective process streams; and

wherein planning milestones are designated for ones of the outputs having links spanning across two or more of the process streams.

7.   (canceled)

8.   (currently amended) The ~~system~~framework of claim ~~7~~6, wherein each management process is linked only to either a build process or an operate process.

9.   (currently amended) The ~~system~~framework of claim 6, wherein said exit conditions represent deliverable products or service levels that have been agreed to be provided.

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10. (currently amended) A method for establishing a build and operate program, wherein executing the program includes building and operating information technology, the method comprising the steps of:

defining one or more build processes, wherein executing such a build process includes building information technology;

defining one or more operate processes, wherein executing such an operate process includes operating information technology;

defining one or more management processes, wherein the build, operate and management processes have respective inputs and outputs;

forming a plurality of links associated with respective ones of the inputs and outputs, wherein the links provide connections linking the as outputs from ones of said build, operate, and management processes and inputs to one or more to the inputs of respective other ones of the build, operate, or management processes;

associating exit conditions with the respective links, wherein the exit condition for a respective one of the links must be satisfied before the link can be traversed from output to input;

assigning selected sets of sequentially-linked ones of the processes to selected project teams and designating the sets as respective process streams; and

designating planning milestones for ones of the outputs having links spanning across two or more of the process streams.

11. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said build processes precede said operate processes, with an overlapping boundary therebetween such that some operate processes are able to be executed before all build processes are executed.

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) The method of claim 11+2, wherein each management process is linked only to either a build process or an operate process.

14. (original) The method of claim 10, wherein said exit conditions represent deliverable products or service levels that have been agreed to be provided.

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15. (currently amended) A method for executing a build and operate program, wherein executing the program includes building and operating information technology, the method comprising the steps of:

defining one or more build processes, wherein executing such a build process includes building information technology;

defining one or more operate processes, wherein executing such an operate process includes operating information technology;

defining one or more management processes, wherein the build, operate and management processes have respective inputs and outputs;

forming a plurality of links, wherein the links provide connections linking as outputs from ones of said build, operate, and management processes to and inputs to one or more of respective other ones of the build, operate, or management processes, such a link being associated with at least one of the outputs and one of the inputs;

associating exit conditions with the respective links;

assigning selected sets of sequentially-linked ones of the processes to selected project teams and designating the sets as respective process streams; and

designating planning milestones for ones of the outputs having links spanning across two or more of the process streams; and

executing the program, including allowing a traversing the links to be traversed from their respective outputs to their respective inputs in the course of executing the program, wherein a respective one of the links is traversed only if the link's exit conditions associated with it are satisfied.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 15, wherein said build processes precede_said operate processes, with an overlapping boundary therebetween such that some operate processes are able to be executed before all build processes are executed.

17. (canceled)

18. The method of claim 16 17, wherein each management process is linked only to either a build process or an operate process.

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19.   (original) The method of claim 15, wherein said exit conditions represent deliverable products or service levels that have been agreed to be provided.

20.   (canceled)

21.   (currently amended) A method for executing a large-scale sporting event, comprising the steps of:

defining a set of build processes generally followed by a set of testing processes, generally followed by a set of operations processes, generally followed by a set of game-day processes, wherein executing such a build process includes building information technology and executing such an operate process includes operating information technology;

-defining a set of management processes related to all of said build, testing, operations, and game-day processes, wherein the build, testing, operations, management and game-day processes have respective inputs and outputs;

forming a plurality of links associated with respective ones of the inputs and outputs, wherein the links provide connections linking as outputs from ones of said individual build, test, operate, game-day, and management processes to the inputs of respective other ones of the build, test, operate, game-day, and management processes; and

associating exit conditions with the respective links, wherein the exit condition for a respective one of the links must be satisfied before the link can be traversed from output to input allowing a link to be traversed from output to input in the course of executing the program only if exit conditions associated with it are satisfied;

assigning selected sets of sequentially-linked ones of the processes to selected project teams and designating the sets as respective process streams; and

designating planning milestones for ones of the outputs having links spanning across two or more of the process streams.

22.   (currently amended) A method for executing a build and operate program, comprising the steps of:

determining program requirements;

defining, responsive to said requirements, build, operate, and management processes, and related links therebetween, wherein the build, operate and management processes have

respective inputs and outputs based on said requirements, wherein executing such a build process includes building information technology and executing such an operate process includes operating information technology:

associating exit conditions with the respective links, wherein such a said links between respective ones of processes is only being traversable if exit conditions associated with the link are each are satisfied;

assigning selected sets of sequentially-linked ones of the processes to selected project teams and designating the sets as respective process streams; and

designating planning milestones for ones of the outputs having links spanning across two or more of the process streams; and

executing the processes, including traversing said links processes over time.

23. (original) The method of claim 22, wherein said requirements include deliverable products and service levels.

24. (currently amended) A method for executing a build and operate program, comprising the steps of:

a) determining program requirements;

b) defining, responsive to said requirements, build, operate, and management processes, and related links therebetween, wherein the build, operate and management processes have respective inputs and outputs, based on said requirements wherein executing such a build process includes building information technology and executing such a operate process includes operating information technology;

c) beginning with an ultimate operate process, determining what requirements should be met to perform a certain one or more of the that processes;

d) defining exit criteria for one or more of the processes immediately preceding the certain one or more processes and for which requirements were determined in step c)continuing to progressively determine requirements for each preceding process to determine exit criteria for each said process, wherein said exit criteria for such a processes must required to be satisfied before traversing any such a link defined in step b) between from the process to another one of the processes can be traversed; and

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e) repeating steps c) and d), in a next interation thereof, for one or more of the processes immediately preceding the one or more of the processes for which the requirements were determined in the previous iteration of step c), wherein an initial one of the interations of step c) begins with an ultimate one of the operate processes;

assigning selected sets of sequentially-linked ones of the processes to selected project teams and designating the sets as respective process streams; and

designating planning milestones for ones of the outputs having links spanning across two or more of the process streams; and

f) executing the processes, including traversing said links processes over time.

25.   (original) The method of claim 24, wherein said requirements include deliverable products and service levels.

26 - 28. (canceled)

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